

24-1203a. Establishment of district initiated by board of county commissioners. (a) In lieu of the procedures provided by K.S.A. 24-1203, 24-1204 and 24-1205, and amendments thereto, the board of county commissioners of any county may adopt a resolution proposing the establishment of one or more watershed districts within the county and appointing the steering committee of each proposed district if:

(1) The lands within each proposed district comprise substantially a watershed or two or more adjoining watersheds, as determined by the chief engineer; and

(2) in the preceding five-year period, the governor has issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster emergency in the county due to flooding.

(b) The resolution shall contain the information required for a petition under K.S.A. 12-1204, and amendments thereto, and shall have appended and incorporated by reference a map showing the lands to be included in each proposed district and the subwatersheds therein, prepared in consultation with the chief engineer.

Upon adoption of such resolution, the county commission shall transmit a certified copy of the resolution to the chief engineer.

(c) All costs of projects and works of a watershed district established under this section shall be paid by a general levy against all taxable tangible property located within the district.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the watershed district act.

History: L. 1995, ch. 210, § 4; May 4.